

Change Sheet for General Waste Discharge Requirements Residential Onsite Wastewater Treatment Systems

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2	General WDRs	Replace	Replace last sentence of finding No. 7 with new finding No. 8 that reads, “These WDRs shall not be issued where a local agency has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Regional Board for the management and oversight of onsite wastewater treatment systems and where the Regional Board has issued waivers to owners of residential onsite wastewater treatment systems.” This is to clarify intent of Regional Board to not issue WDRs where an MOU has been entered into.
4	General WDRs, part A.3.a.	Replace	Delete specific low-risk criteria and add phrase, “not meeting the criteria for medium-risk or high-risk discharges in parts A.3.b. and A.3.c. of this Order” in order to simplify WDRs.
4 & 5	General WDRs, part A.3.b.	Add	Add words “seepage pit to a” to the second bullet and add a new bullet that reads, “having less than a 50 foot setback from a leach field to a water body not identified as impaired under section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act.” This is to make the criteria consistent with California Plumbing Code.
5	General WDRs, part A.3.c.	Add	Add words, “seepage pit to a” to the third bullet and add a new bullet that reads, “ having less than a 100 foot setback from a leach field to a potable water supply well, or,” in order to make criteria consistent with California Plumbing Code.
5	General WDRs, part A.3.c.	Add	Add word “potable” to the third bullet and the words “where local groundwater is the primary source of drinking water” to the sixth bullet to clarify that a high-risk classification would be based on a threat to municipal water supply.
5	General WDRs, part A.3.c.	Replace	Replace words “environmentally sensitive area” with “significant ecological area in the Basin Plan” in the last bullet in order to better define this criterion.
8	General WDRs, part E.13	Delete	Delete provision No. 13 requiring connection to a sewer. This provision is impractical for existing homeowners and unnecessary where there is minimal risk to water quality. See change on page 11 part H.4. for alternative requirement.

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10 & 11	General WDRs, part G.1. and G.5.	Replace	Delete last sentence of requirement G.1. and replace with new requirement G.5. that reads, "Dischargers that provide advanced treatment of sewage effluent may demonstrate compliance by sampling effluent prior to discharge to the subsurface disposal system. Effluent limits shall be determined by the Executive Officer on a case by case basis." This revision allows the Executive Officer to assign effluent limits not equal to receiving water limits.
10	General WDRs, part G.3.	Delete	Delete limits for total dissolved solids, sulfate, chloride and boron and the associated footnote No. a) and Attachment A. These limits were initially included to protect the agricultural supply beneficial use designation but are unnecessarily stringent for individual homeowners. The remaining nitrogen and indicator bacteria limits protect the municipal supply beneficial use designation.
10 & 11	General WDRs, part G.4.	Add	Add requirement No. G.4. stating, "Discharges characterized as high-risk based on a surface water quality concern shall be exempt from the limits in part G.3. if further assessment demonstrates that the discharge is not impacting surface waters. Such demonstrations may include regional or site specific groundwater monitoring or weekly upstream/downstream surface water monitoring." This revision would exempt individual homeowners from unnecessary groundwater monitoring where surface water quality is a concern.
11	General WDRs, part G.6.	Replace	Replace the phrase, "groundwater or, in the event that groundwater is in hydrologic connection with surface waters, the designated beneficial uses of surface water," with the words, "the receiving water," in order to simplify WDRs.
11	General WDRs, part G.8.	Delete	Delete words "receiving water" to account for the fact that effluent limits may apply.
11	General WDRs, part H.4.	Add	Add the phrase "plans to connect to a sewer, where available," to the last sentence. This revision requires the hookup to a sewer by a high-risk discharge only when the discharge is shown to be negatively impacting water quality and when a sewer is available.
12	General WDRs part J.1.	Add	Add new section J. entitled, "Expiration Date and Continuation of this Order." Add new part J.1. stating, "This Order shall be revised upon adoption of statewide standards for onsite wastewater treatment systems adopted pursuant to sections 12390 and 13291 of the CWC if, after review, it is determined that statewide standards are more stringent than the requirements of this Order." This revision allows the Regional Board to revise the WDRs if necessary upon adoption of statewide standards.

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12	General WDRs – certification	Replace	Replace the date “May 6” with the date “June 10.”
N/A	General WDRs Attachment A	Delete	Delete Attachment A. This attachment is no longer necessary since the limits for total dissolved solids, sulfate, chloride and boron were deleted.
T-1 & T-2	Attachment D to General WDRs, part A and B	Replace	Replace “30” days with “90” days to allow discharges additional time to prepare an operation and maintenance program and/or monitoring program.
T-1 & T-2	Attachment D to General WDRs, part A.2. and A.4.	Replace	Replace word “annually” or “annual” with “every three years” in order to be consistent with current local agency inspection programs.
T-2	Attachment D to General WDRs, part B.1.	Delete	Delete word “groundwater” in order to allow for the submittal of a groundwater <i>or surface water</i> monitoring program to demonstrate compliance with applicable receiving water limits.
T-2	Attachment D to General WDRs, part B.2.	Add	Add new part B.2. stating, “Discharges characterized as high-risk based on a groundwater quality concern shall submit a groundwater monitoring program. A groundwater monitoring program shall include the following.” This revision specifies separate monitoring requirements for groundwater and surface water concerns.
T-3	Attachment D to General WDRs, part B.2.d.	Delete	Delete monitoring requirements for total dissolved solids, sulfate, chloride and boron. These requirements were initially included to protect the agricultural supply beneficial use designation but are unnecessarily stringent for individual homeowners. The remaining nitrogen and indicator bacteria monitoring requirements protect the municipal supply beneficial use designation.

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T-3	Attachment D to General WDRs, part B.3.	Add	Add new part B.3. stating, "Discharges characterized as high-risk based on a surface water quality concern shall submit a surface water monitoring program. The surface water monitoring program shall include sampling sites upstream and downstream in the surface water body adjacent to the discharge. The sampling sites must be chosen in such a way so as to fully assess the background water quality and the downstream water quality of the adjacent surface water body. The plan shall include the exact location of the sampling sites and proposed sampling of the wells." This revision specifies separate monitoring requirements for groundwater and surface water concerns.
T-3	Attachment D to General WDRs, part B.4.	Delete	Delete word "groundwater" in order to recognize that a groundwater or surface water monitoring program may be submitted to demonstrate compliance with applicable receiving water limits.